



May 21, 2019

Item No. 4

RECOMMENDATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR WORKFORCE SERVICES

Presenter: Mary Howard, Chief Resident Services Officer

Recommendation

The Chief Executive Officer recommends that the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority ("CHA") approve the execution of a contract with the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership ("CCWP") in a not-to-exceed amount of \$430,000 for a one-year base term.

Recommended Awardee	One Year Base Term Contract Value	Option Year Terms	Total Contract Value
Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership	\$430,000	N/A	\$430,000

The requested action complies in all material respects with all applicable federal, state and local laws, and Chicago Housing Authority board policies. Staff have completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of this initiative.

Background

The Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership was created in 2012 to provide workforce development services for the city of Chicago and Cook county, with targeted efforts in line with local jobs that are in demand and/or projected to be in demand. The CCWP mission is to create, promote, and effectively manage a network of workforce development organizations that designs innovative solutions to address business needs and prepares individuals for and connects them to career opportunities. CCWP is the local workforce authority designated by the U.S. Department of Labor and is the conduit for employers and job seekers.

CCWP services are impacted by state of Illinois workforce strategic planning elements, which includes analyses of the state's economic conditions, workforce characteristics, and workforce development activities. These analyses drive the required vision and goals for the state's workforce development system and align strategies for workforce development programs to support economic growth.

The contract with CCWP has allowed CHA to receive customized services and allows for flexibility to meet the needs of CHA residents. This includes allowing CHA residents to receive workforce services regardless of meeting eligibility requirements for public workforce services. Through this partnership, CCWP will enroll 600 CHA residents at five American Job Centers throughout Chicago. CHA residents can access services including, but not limited to, training and education through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), career coaching, digital literacy, job search and job placement.

CHA has approved a non-competitive procurement (sole source) for CCWP services in advance of this Board request, based on CCWP's unique role as the fiscal agent, sub-recipient and administrative entity for the local workforce innovation area that provides public workforce services to Chicago and Cook County.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Howard
Chief Resident Services Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-CHA-

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority (“CHA”) has reviewed the Board Letter dated May 21, 2019 entitled “RECOMMENDATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR WORKFORCE SERVICES”.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY:

THAT, the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to execute a contract with the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership (“CCWP”) in a not-to-exceed amount of \$430,000 for a one-year base term.

This award is subject to CCWP’s compliance with the CHA’s MBE/WBE/DBE, Section 3 hiring and insurance requirements.

Eugene E. Jones, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer
Chicago Housing Authority